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Proposed New Claim 11

Dear Examiner Blair,

Attached please find a proposed Amended claim 11 that claims the apparatus which performs the method of allowed claim 1.

11. (Currently Amended) Apparatus for performing a method according to claim 1 coding impulse responses of audio signals, wherein the impulse responses allow reproduction of sound signals corresponding to a certain room characteristic, comprising: an MPEG-4 encoder that encodes multiple successive MPEG-4 PROTO params fields of an MPEG-4 BIFS stream for transmission of one or more impulse responses associated with a coded audio signal, said MPEG-4 encoder

inserts into a first of said multiple successive MPEG-4 PROTO params fields information about the following MPEG-4 PROTO params fields by said MPEG-4 encoder, wherein said information comprises a number of the following MPEG-4 PROTO params fields to be used and a number of impulse responses to be transmitted; and

inserts into said following MPEG-4 PROTO params fields for each of said impulse responses a length information of the impulse response and samples representing the impulse response.